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**Subject:** RE: See attached request- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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As far as Bishop Tube, according to Chris, it has been quiet on his end – he has not been contacted by anybody who has concerns on Bishop Tube.

Thanks,  
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Hi Linda,

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but we (HSCD/OGCR) met with Maya, the Riverkeeper on Bishop Tube May, 2017. Here's a paragraph we sent to Cecil regarding the site:

**Bishop Tube** (Frazer, Chester County, Pennsylvania) Over the past few months, multiple inquiries were submitted to EPA regarding its involvement in the cleanup at the Bishop Tube site. A prominent local developer (Constitution Drive Partners, a unit of O'Neill Properties) plans to build new townhouses on this property, which has caused community concern regarding contamination at the site. On April 12, 2017, a former employee at the Bishop Tube facility submitted a letter to EPA headquarters expressing his concerns regarding the cleanup at the Bishop Tube Site. The community has also reached out to the Delaware River Keeper for help, and she requested a meeting to discuss the community's concerns on the 'partial' cleanup as well as EPA's involvement at the site. On May 18, 2017, EPA, Delaware River Network, PADEP, the former employee, and a representative of Valley Forge Trout Unlimited had a meeting/conference call regarding the Bishop Tube Site. EPA explained that the Bishop Tube Site met the criteria for placement on the NPL in

1996, but the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not support the listing the site on the NPL. EPA recognizes PADEP as the lead regulatory agency for the site. Investigations and cleanup are being conducted in accordance with PA State requirements. EPA monitors progress at the site by coordinating with PADEP twice a year regarding the status of the cleanup work. PADEP has agreed to frequent updates of their Bishop Tube Site website to inform community members of site plans and progress. The HSCD Director agreed to discuss the site with the PADEP Norristown Regional Director. A letter response was also prepared to the former employee explaining EPA's involvement. Since the meeting, HSCD has received two phone calls from former employees requesting details on the site cleanup

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Hi Karen, Linda,

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